

## REMARKS

### 1. Status of Claims

Claims 1-12, 14-48, 50-83 and 85-91 are pending in this application before entry of this amendment (it being understood that the amendment dated March 14, 2006 as having been entered). By this amendment, claims 15, 16, 24, 25, 51, 52, 70 and 71 are canceled without prejudice or admission, and claims 1-3, 9-10, 17, 18, 23, 24, 26, 28, 34-36, 38, 39, 45, 47, 48, 54, 57, 60, 62, 67, 72, 73, 81 and 86-89 are amended. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-12, 14, 17-23, 26-48, 50, 53-69, 72-83 and 85-91 remain pending.

### 2. Discussion

The amendments to the independent claims are based on my understanding of suggested amendments proposed by Examiner George Manual during a telephone conference on May 19, 2006. Cancellation of claims 15, 16, 24, 25, 51, 52, 70 and 71 was not required by the Examiner, and was done to reduce the size of the claim set and not for any reason having to do with the patentability of the canceled claims. It is believed that the foregoing amendments put this application in condition for allowance. The Examiner's helpful suggestions are gratefully appreciated.

### 3. Authorization to Charge Fees

It is believed that no fees are required in connection with this paper, which does not add claims and does not rewrite dependent claims into independent form. If this belief is incorrect, please charge any fees required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account 13-2546.

In view of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration and allowance of this application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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